

Iran to choose Khomeini's successor

NEW YORK (R) — Iran's President Ali Khamenei said an assembly of experts would soon choose a council of three or five members to succeed Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, according to an interview published Saturday in *Newsweek* magazine. "The assembly of experts should have met already. They will choose a council, which will consist of three or five people," Mr. Khamenei was quoted as saying. The Iranian leader also hinted that the Tehran government would accept Soviet weapons under the proper circumstances, *Newsweek* said. Asked about such arms, President Khamenei said: "the purchase of military arms and equipment is not military assistance."

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Mzali to visit Gulf

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali will visit Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait in the second half of February, it was officially announced in Tunis Saturday.

Iraqi forces kill 376 Iranians

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi forces killed 376 Iranians in fighting in the Gulf war over the past 24 hours, the Iraqi News Agency said Saturday night. Quoting a military communiqué, it said the casualties included 184 killed in the Basra area of Iran's Khuzestan province, where the Iraqis began an offensive last weekend. It added that 148 Iranians were killed in action in Susangerd province. Iraqi losses were put at 44 dead.

King Hassan, Chatti confer on Jerusalem

RABAT (R) — Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Islamic Conference Organisation, discussed the question of Jerusalem and the next Islamic summit conference when he conferred in Marrakesh Saturday with King Hassan of Morocco, the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.

Libya concerned with Moroccan move

BEIRUT (R) — Libya expressed concern Saturday lest Morocco should grant the United States military facilities, the Libyan news agency JANA said. The Libyan foreign liaison secretariat (ministry) called in the Moroccan ambassador and asked for clarification of reports to this effect, JANA said. U.S. secretary of State Alexander Haig said in Morocco on Friday that the two countries would begin talks soon aimed at making emergency transit facilities available to American forces.

No signs of protests in Poland

WARSAW (R) — Poland Saturday entered its third month of martial law but there were no signs of protest in Warsaw despite rumours of possible demonstrations. Police and army street patrols were more frequently seen than in recent days and checks on cars and pedestrians in the capital seemed to have been tightened. Troops armed with sub-machineguns guarded approaches to victory square, a favourite rallying place for demonstrations in the past. In a Polish court Saturday, former diplomat Bogdan Walewski was jailed for 25 years after being convicted of spying for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). A military prosecutor had demanded the death penalty for Walewski, who served at Poland's embassies in Moscow and the United Nations.

Iran arrests Khomeini's opponents

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime has arrested more than 25 opponents in a continuing crackdown on underground guerrillas, Tehran Radio reported Saturday. The radio said the leaders of the three-man central committee of the minor leftist group called "The Slogans of the Oppressed" were recently arrested together with 25 other members and nine of their hideouts discovered. The broadcast said Islamic revolutionary guardsmen loyal to Khomeini confiscated a large quantity of arms and discovered several of the group's supply bases, including residential houses, shops and garages.

Spanish Republican leader dies at 83

PARIS (A.P.) — Fernando Valera Aparicio, the last president of the Spanish Republican government in exile, died Saturday following a long illness, family members said he was 83. Valera Aparicio, who had been ill for about three years, entered Cochin Hospital on Friday, where he had been treated three weeks earlier, a family spokesman said.

Arabs urge shift in U.S. policies towards Israel

TUNIS (Agencies) — Arab foreign ministers meeting here Saturday condemned the United States for its diplomatic support of last December's Israeli annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

But the special meeting of the Arab League council failed to endorse Syrian demands for drastic economic sanctions against the U.S.

The special session was requested by Syria after Washington last month vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for voluntary sanctions against Israel for annexing the territory which it has occupied since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The ministers condemned U.S. policy in the Middle East, saying it was hostile to Arab interests, and urged the Washington government to end all military and financial assistance to Israel which would allow it to perpetuate its occupation of Arab territories.

They also said that the attitude of Japan and some European states which did not support Arab resolutions at the U.N. could have negative effects on their relations with the Arab world.

Earlier this month, Japan and all major West European states—except Greece—voted against a U.N. General Assembly resolution calling on all member states to cease all dealings with Israel.

They feared it would lead to Israel's suspension from the world body—an objective which Saturday's meeting said the Arab League would campaign for.

The meeting also decided to set up a six-member ministerial committee to "assess political and economic links between Arab states."

Israelis arrest Arabs for opposing annexation

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli police said Saturday that four Arab Druze leaders on the occupied Syrian Golan Heights have been arrested for incitement against Israel.

The four men—Suleiman Kanj, his son, Kanj Kanj, Kamal Kanj and Mahmoud Zafadi—were arrested on Friday and will be formally charged next week for inciting rebellion, a police spokesman said.

The four are members of the 13,000-strong Druze community on the heights which has bitterly opposed Israel's annexation of the area last December.

They said they believed Israel would try to take over their lands and that the Israelis were preparing to build a new settlement near Majdel Shams, the largest Druze town on the heights.

A Druze delegation went to Jerusalem on Friday to seek medical services from the International Red Cross to replace those supplied by Israel.

They also threatened to call a general strike unless the Israeli government cancelled the annexation measure within 10 days.

He said their M-16 assault rifles

PLO 'better armed than ever before'

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is better armed and better trained than ever before, a Palestinian military leader said in an interview published Saturday.

A spokesman for the PLO military operations, who was speaking upon a Palestinian delegation's return from an arms-buying tour of Eastern bloc countries earlier this month, said:

"We got a warm reception...I can say that any new battle would be different from battles in the past. The Palestinian and Lebanese leftist forces are equipped to inflict

much greater losses on the enemy (Israel) than in the past."

Palestinian sources in Damascus said the tour was to tie up details of a \$50 million arms package from the Soviet Union and arrange for the training of Palestinians in Eastern Europe.

The Soviet arms deal included surface-to-air missiles, artillery rockets and heavy artillery, the Palestinians sources said. The PLO already has similar weapons.

The spokesman said recent improvements in organisation, training and arming would lead to a qualitative jump in Palestinian

operations inside Israel.

Israel maintains that such operations are a violation of a July ceasefire which ended two weeks of cross-border bombardment and Israeli air-raids on South Lebanon.

The Israeli army has threatened to attack Palestinian bases in Lebanon if operations continue.

The spokesman said the Israeli threats were the prelude to an invasion designed to force Lebanon into a Camp David-like peace agreement.

Romania rejects U.S. views on Poland

BUCHAREST, Romania (A.P.) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Saturday Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu thinks the United States is making a mistake by imposing economic sanctions on Poland.

He also said the Romanian president sees some justification for the martial law crackdown in Poland.

But Mr. Haig said, "tactical differences have emerged on how best to deal with the Dec. 13 martial law crackdown in Poland.

Mr. Haig told a news conference prior to his departure from Bucharest that there was very little discussion of the Soviet Union's involvement in events in Poland. The Reagan administration accuses Moscow of being responsible for the military crackdown.

Mr. Haig said he met for over four hours with Mr. Ceausescu for

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Socialists put off Caracas meeting

CARACAS, Venezuela (A.P.) — A Socialist international meeting scheduled for this month in Caracas has been postponed until members decide whether the Nicaraguan Sandinists, among others, will be invited. An official of Venezuela's Social Democratic Party said Saturday. Enrique Tejera Paris, head of the department of international affairs of Accion Democratica, confirmed that Accion Democratica had requested the postponement, which was announced from Socialist International President Willy Brandt's office, and said the question of Nicaragua's attendance was "one of the reasons."



U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker stand to attention as the national anthems of Jordan and the USA are played during a departure ceremony Saturday for Mr. Weinberger at Amman Airport. (Petra photo)

Weinberger leaves with a 'favourable impression of Jordan's strength'

By Maaz D. Shukayr
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger said Saturday his talks here dealt with "some of the needs of Jordan" but the Jordanians made "no formal requests" for American military assistance.

He was speaking to reporters at Amman Airport at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan—the last leg of a nine-day tour which also took him to Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Mr. Weinberger said he only had "preliminary discussions" on American arms supplies to Jordan, but "there are no formal requests of any kind pending."

During his stay here, the defence secretary had talks with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

The Defence Department "would consider" recommendations of the Jordanian-American Joint Military Commission, Mr. Weinberger said, but indicated that he — as defence secretary — does not make his country's foreign policy.

"We would just discuss the military needs and necessity, and present those to the proper people in Washington, and discussions with them would take place," he said.

Mr. Weinberger brushed aside Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's statement Friday that any sale of weapons to Jordan would be a direct threat to the security of Israel. "I have no feeling that matters of that kind would do anything more than strengthen a good friend in this area."

He said he would go back home "with a very favourable impression of the strength of Jordan, the effectiveness of His Majesty that Jordan would be a direct threat to the security of Israel. I have no feeling that matters of that kind would do anything more than strengthen a good friend in this area."

Asked if he had offered military assistance to Bahrain, which he visited last month, King Hussein said: "I should be present at the eastern gate of the Arab homelands," he said.

The King accused Iran's fundamentalist regime of trying to expand at the expense of the Arabs and sowing sedition among them.

He again denied Syrian charges that Jordan was aiding and harbouring Muslim extremist blamed by Syria for violent attacks in recent years aimed at toppling the government of President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus.

The troubles in Syria "are the result of internal circumstances and they (Syrian leaders) know them," the King said.

The major reason for deteriorating Jordanian-Syrian relations was Jordan's backing for Iraq in the 17-month-old Gulf war and Syrian support for Iran, he said.

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the end of a Middle East tour, spoke after President Reagan asked for a report on the men and their weapons.

El Salvador advisers defended

AMMAN (R) — Five U.S. military advisers shown on television in the United States carrying rifles in a combat zone of El Salvador were defended by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger Saturday.

Mr. Weinberger, who was here at the end of a Middle East tour, spoke after President Reagan asked for a report on the men and their weapons.

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Alia's new In-Flight Services Department stresses quality in new era

'The better the airline, the less ostentation...'

Text and photos
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Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN AIRPORT — From the colour of the hostess's new hat through the choice of hors d'oeuvres and the selection of film mat-

erial; from the distribution of novelty gifts to the pressing issue of the local image of the air stewardess, the vice president of the newly created In-Flight Services Department has a wide range of concerns within his mandate. Like a juggler, he requires the skill to manipulate with dexterity the var-

ied subjects under his control, to keep them moving and to know the position of each at any time.

Such is the role of Mr. Munib Toukan, the recently appointed head of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline's latest organisational venture. Mr. Toukan described to the

Jordan Times the formation of this department as the result of an in-depth appraisal of competitive airline needs by Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghadour. Mr. Ghadour, he said, sees the provision of quality in-flight and ground services as a prerequisite to successful airline operation. "At the present time ground services are not completely under our control," Mr. Toukan said; "but we can concentrate on developing our in-flight services."

Before the creation of this unit various Alia departments had a share in controlling services. Now, as the airline has matured and grown, the necessity of unified control has become evident. The department is now in charge of everything to do with services to passengers on board the plane. This includes the recruitment, training and grooming of cabin attendants; audio-visual entertainment; menu and food service; the supply of saleables, and promotional give-aways.

Overcoming 'prejudice'

"At the moment there are almost 600 cabin attendants, and our aim is to increase the number of locally employed hostesses," Mr. Toukan said. "However, we have to overcome a certain national prejudice against the employment of girls in this field. We are now carrying out a social study on attitudes towards this job. We also plan to approach new university graduates this summer to attract the high quality we require." He went on to say that Alia crew members come from 26 different countries, and this year recruitment efforts will be extended to Denmark and Lebanon.

The morale of the cabin attendant appears to be a high priority of the new administration. "The most important requirement is to treat them as individuals, rat-

her than as numbers," the vice president stressed. For example, he said, the airline tries to schedule crew members' assignments in a way that enables them to get to their native countries as often as possible. Mr. Toukan said it was now planned to put assignment scheduling on computer, which he expected to happen within six months. This would "save us a lot

with television and refreshments will be available at Amman Airport to stewards and stewardesses, who will also have a say in the decor and will be involved in self-help activities.

"There are so many talents among the crew, and we intend to make use of them," Mr. Toukan said. According to a recent survey, for instance, of the 230 university graduates among the cabin crews, eight concentrated in drama and fine arts, and a number are trained in mass media applications. "We could use these employees to form a drama group and to participate in the new company in-flight magazine, to be called the 'Mirror,' he explained.

The head of the new department views the cabin attendants as part of the Alia public relations effort, and to this end

plans for them to be acquainted with the archaeological treasures of Jordan. The foreign staff will also have Arabic lessons available to them at the University of Jordan and will have access to the homes and way of life of Jordan. This will help them to identify with the national airline, to make their stay more meaningful and to present to their passengers a more knowledgeable background of the country.

In keeping with the now more established image of Alia, the style of cabin attendants' uniforms will be changed. In the future, blue will dominate, as it is considered that this presents a sophisticated and professional picture of the airline. "The better the airline the less ostentation is required," Mr. Toukan explained.

Putting P.R. theory to work

FORTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD Munib Toukan began his education in Jerusalem at De La Salle College, and continued his studies after high school in France, where he graduated from the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Paris. Thereafter, he worked in Paris for seven years with French radio and television, while continuing studies in mass media and journalism.

He returned to Jordan in 1966, and worked as Voice of America correspondent for Jordan and Syria. Later, he also worked for Jordan Television as editor/newsreader/interviewer. At the same time he was a stringer for the Deutsche Welle and the Iranian Television.

After Mr. Toukan joined Alia in 1977, he had no time for any other work involvement. He stayed as Alia's vice-president for public relations until a month ago, when he was asked to start the new In-Flight Services Department as its first vice-president. "In PR I was dealing with the theory, here I am concerned with its implementation," he said.



Above: Crew members relax in the lounge awaiting their flight's departure. From left to right, Hussein Al Haj, Fariz Qasem, Christene Ferguson and Thabit Jumaidi.



Right: Scheduling staffers Basem Haddadin and Mohammad Bakir go through cabin attendants' cards.



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Non-Jordanian engineers sign up

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 276 non-Jordanian engineers have been registered with the Jordanian Engineers Association after due consultations between the association and the Ministry of Labour, a ministry spokesman announced here Saturday. Before this process started, the association had only 72 registered non-Jordanian engineers. The ministry said that thanks to consultation and cooperation with the association, Jordanian engineers now form 50 per cent of engineers employed by foreign firms in the country.

Typhoid-bearing well sealed

ZARQA (J.T.) — The Zarqa District health directorate has closed a water well belonging to Ramadan Abdul Wahed in Zarqa after laboratory tests proved that the water drawn from the well, used in watering vegetables, could cause typhoid fever. Al Ra'i newspaper reported Saturday. The directorate has decided to destroy all the vegetables watered from this well, the paper said.

Tawjih results due today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education has completed the process of preparing the results of the mid-year session of the General Secondary Certificate (tawjih) examinations. A ministry spokesman said that students will be given the results by noon Sunday.

Engineers association to meet

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Engineers Association will hold a general meeting here next Friday to hear an annual report on the activities of the association's council. An association spokesman said that the engineers will meet at the Professional Associations Complex on Feb. 26 to elect a new association board and president. Six candidates are running for president, and 23 others are running for board membership.

Algerian education team confers

AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting Algerian educational delegation conferred here Saturday with Dr. Izzat Jaradat, director of education at the Ministry of Education. Delegation members were briefed during the meeting on Jordan's educational policy and the ministry's administrative systems. The delegation is paying a visit to Jordan with the purpose of promoting Jordanian-Algerian educational cooperation.

Children's art exhibit set

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education will hold an art exhibition at the end of March to mark Jordan's National Day of the Child. The seven educational directorates around the country will all take part in the exhibition, by displaying paintings done by elementary school children. A ministry spokesman said that the pictures are to be made with water-colours and pastels, and the best works will receive prizes.

Danish university delegation visits

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from Denmark's "open university" called Saturday at the University of Jordan, where it toured various faculties and saw a documentary on the university's development. The 20-member delegation was also briefed on the university's programmes and teaching methods. The delegation arrived here Friday for a four-week visit to Jordan, during which its members will tour archaeological sites and cultural centres.

Team due Baghdad for customs talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A two member delegation from the Ministry of Finance and Customs will leave for Baghdad next Saturday to talk on cooperation in customs-related matters between Iraq and Jordan. Under-Secretary Yassin Al Kayed said that the talks are designed to increase bilateral cooperation in customs affairs. The delegation will also look into Iraqi customs systems, he added.

Jordan Exhibition 1982 opens

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar opened on Saturday at the Palace of Culture in Al Hussein Youth City Jordan Exhibition 1982. On display for six days are 50 pieces of art work by 35 Jordanian artists, depicting natural scenes and the Jordanian environment. After its Amman showing, the exhibition will travel to different governorates.

Mafraq villages get more phones

MAFRAO (Petra) — Work on expanding telephone networks for the towns of Sabha and Subhiyah in Mafraq District started Saturday. A spokesman for the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) said that the project is designed to raise to 200 lines the present network's capacity. The TCC also started work Saturday on a project to increase to 50 lines telephone networks in the towns of Amrah and Umeireh, also in Mafraq District.

Interior team prepares for meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Interior Ministry says it has prepared a working paper to be submitted to the council of Arab interior ministers at its meeting to open in Riyadh on Feb. 22. The meeting, organised by the Saudi Arabian government, will re-examine the council's bylaws and review proposals on the council's statutes.

Management consultancy seminar starts

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week management consultancy seminar opened at the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) here Saturday. Fifteen delegates from 12 Arab states are attending the seminar, during which subjects connected with the process of holding consultations, their concept and purpose, among other related matters, will be discussed. AOAS Director General Abdullah Al Zuhbi made a speech at the opening session, as did Faraj Alwani and Dr. Ammar Muhoush, both AOAS experts.

Literacy teachers get course

IRBD (Petra) — A three-day course for men and women teachers employed at literacy centres in Irbid Governorate opened here Saturday. Taking part in the course are 120 teachers, who will be oriented on subjects related to literacy problems and ways to deal with illiterate adults at their centres.

Sound and light show planned to illuminate hills of Petra

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Tourism will carry out a sound and light project for the ancient city of Petra similar to that carried out in Jerash, Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh announced here on Saturday.

He said the project will be implemented once the various tourist facilities and public utilities at Petra are completed. At present a hotel at the site and a housing project for the Bedouin tribe of Bedouins, now living in Petra's caves, are being carried out.

Mr. Hamarneh told the Jordan Times the Jerash sound and light spectacular, installed by the Dutch electronics firm Philips, will be handed over on March 7. All on-site electrical and mechanical work is completed, he said, and the sound track has been recorded. The coordination of the audio portion of the show with the light display comprises the bulk of the work remaining.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Tourism announced Saturday that it will open a resthouse at Wadi Rum by the end of next month.

The resthouse will offer services to tourists visiting the Wadi Rum region.

Massive cigarette smuggling attempt foiled at Ramtha

RAMTHA (Petra) — The Jordanian authorities Saturday thwarted an attempt to smuggle 22,000 cartons of foreign-made cigarettes into Jordan through the border post here.

The contraband was hidden inside a refrigerator truck used for transporting vegetables and fruits between Jordan and neighbouring Arab countries.

According to Ministry of Finance and Customs Under-Secretary Yassin Al Kayed, the smuggled cigarettes have been confiscated, and the truck's driver will be prosecuted.

Municipality established in Tla' Al Ali

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani Saturday opened a municipality for the town of Tla' Al Ali, west of here. He discussed with municipality committee members plans for public services for Tla' Al Ali, whose 1982 budget will amount to JD 400,000.

Mr. Momani also paid visits to Ruseifa Municipality, where he discussed granting the municipality a loan to finance the asphalting of the town's main street. He paid an inspection visit to the town's new public park, set up on 380 dunums of land, which have been planted with 2,000 tree saplings.

During his tour, the minister also inspected projects for beautifying the entrance to Zarqa and wastewater treatment plants erected along the Zarqa River.

Michael Hamarneh

Soviet workers visit labour organisations

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation of Soviet construction workers called Saturday at the Ministry of Labour, the Social Security Corporation and the Vocational Training Corporation, and was briefed on those institutions' activities and programmes.

Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani discussed with the delegation cooperation in labour-related matters between Jordan and the Soviet Union. He also talked about the condition of Arab labourers in the occupied Arab territories, and Israel's oppressive measures against labour unions there.

The delegation, which arrived here last week, is on a week-long visit to Jordan.

Asfour to Islamabad meeting on Islamic industrialisation

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour left for Pakistan on Friday morning to take part in a ministerial committee meeting on industrial co-operation among Islamic nations.

Participants in the three-day meeting, to open in Islamabad on Sunday, will discuss modes of industrial development in Islamic countries and explore the possibility of joint industrial ventures among these countries.

Following the committee meeting, Mr. Asfour, who is heading an official delegation, will hold talks with Pakistani officials on bolstering Jordanian-Pakistani economic and trade ties.

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Jeane's way

GUESS WHO addressed the national executive committee meeting of the United States' Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Palm Beach, Florida on Thursday night? It was none other than our old friend Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the American U.N. representative, who, when she has some free time off from her voluntary duties as guardian of the moral standards of humanity, tends to make simplistic speeches in public to show us that her bias and ignorance know neither geographic boundaries nor quantitative limits. She told her audience that Syria's refusal to enter into peace talks with Israel was the chief obstacle to peace between the two countries. She then went on to say that the United Nations was in the midst of a deepening crisis. How right she is on the second point. But does she not see the connection between that point and her own statements to Zionist audiences in sunny Florida?

The United Nations reflects the state of the world, and the state of the world, given the nature of Israeli power over American decision-makers, is ailing. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, being just a bit naive, and badly prone to speaking in front of Jewish audiences about things she knows little about, reflects the standard American government view that the Arabs must make peace with Israel on Israel's terms and the world will live happily ever after. Nowhere does one discern an American commitment to the principle of mutual and equal recognition between Israeli and Palestinian states; nowhere do we hear American officials talk about a process of national deterrence and reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis, by which both can live together as free and equal people. Nowhere -- not even in Palm Beach -- do we get an indication from American leaders that peace for Israel should also mean peace for the Palestinians. All we get is nonsense and one-sided rhetoric... and Jeane. No wonder the U.N. is falling apart.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Will U.S. yield to blackmail?

AL RA'I: Israeli government and opposition circles and newspapers have expressed their apprehension that Jordan might be supplied with advanced U.S. weapons like F-16 planes and anti-aircraft missiles.

These circles and newspapers have hinted that the Israeli-U.S. relations might face a new crisis if Jordan was supplied with these weapons. They have started to talk about an "anti-Israeli trend" inside the U.S. administration, implicitly accusing U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger of this trend.

It seems that Israel wants to exploit this question in blackmailing the U.S. administration in order to maintain its strategic supremacy in the region. Israel also wants to be a party whose approval Washington should seek on what weapons to be supplied to them.

The Arabs have always alerted the U.S. administration to acts of blackmail and to its dangers. Nonetheless this will not influence Jordan's free will to arm its army and to adopt any other decisions. This might be the major reason why Israel harbours such hostility towards Jordan and drives it to launch tendentious propaganda campaigns against Jordan like the one it is launching now on advanced U.S. weapons to Jordan.

Jordan does not care for these campaigns because it understands the reasons behind them. Jordan is certain of its free will and that it is capable of achieving what it seeks.

Time to decide

AL DUSTOUR: It is neither strange nor surprising to see Israel making this big noise about the possibility that Jordan might get advanced U.S. weapons. This Israeli stand has been expected because Israel's strategy is based on maintaining military supremacy in the region by keeping Arabs weak.

Israel had repeatedly stood against Jordan's acquiring U.S.-made advanced weapons and military hardware. It had been able to stop a number of arms deals through its supporters and lobbyists at the U.S. Congress. It is not a secret that during his recent visit to Washington, His Majesty King Hussein had asked to purchase U.S. ground-to-air mobile missiles and that the United States had refused under Zionist pressure and offered to sell Jordan stationary Hawk missiles.

It is clear that Israel is determined and is doing its best in order to keep the balance of strength in its favour so as to guarantee its military supremacy in the region and in order to blackmail the United States to support it on the assumption that it is the only power in the region capable of serving U.S. interests therein.

What concerns us here is not the noise made by Israel but the stand of the United States. Will the United States remain the prisoner of Israeli pressure or will the United States maintain its independence and behave as a super power with international responsibilities and vital interests in the Arab World? Washington has for a long time been under Israel's control. It has linked its policy with that of Israel and has appointed itself as a protector for Israeli aggressions and secured Israel's occupation of the Arab territories.

IN FOCUS

The rise and fall of Freddie Laker

By Dr. Majdi Sabri

"Lakerville, the instant shanty town in the streets around Victoria Station, London, continued to grow yesterday as the summer, nearing its height, unleashed a second day of torrential rain on the flimsy shelter of its two thousand inhabitants.

"The queue, as it is affectionately known, edges slowly towards its goal: The Skytrain office in the station where each day, several hundred people pay £59 for a one-way ticket to New York by courtesy of Sir Freddie Laker."

The above two paragraphs are extracted from The Times of London (Aug. 3, 1978) describing briefly but skillfully, the Skytrain encampments which have passed into legend. No one at that time thought that Skytrain service, which ushered in an era of cheap fares, will suddenly collapse causing shock and disappointment among many air travellers as well as air transport enthusiasts.

Freddie Laker, the self-made millionaire entered the world of aviation as a teaboy in a World War II aircraft factory and later formed his own airline with money he borrowed from a man he met in a pub. After several years of wrangling with aviation licensing authorities and giant airlines on both sides of the Atlantic he launched his "no-frills" Skytrain service between London and New York in October 1977. His idea was to sell low-cost travel to ordinary

members of the public who could not afford to travel at the prevailing level of fares.

Sir Freddie was able to offer his exceptionally low fare through a combination of low operating costs and high load factors.

The low cost of operation was achieved through subcontracting maintenance and ground and sales services to specialised agencies which resulted in a drastic reduction in overheads. The cost of in-flight passenger services was also reduced by charging passengers for meals and by keeping a smaller number of cabin staff on board.

In the meantime, passengers paying the Laker fare were willing to put up with the hardships of travelling at night enabling the airline to maximise the utilisation of aircraft and crew.

During the first year of operations Sir Freddie achieved a profit of £1 million and earned a kinghood while most other North-Atlantic operators incurred tremendous losses.

After three years of operation, and at a time when many people thought that Skytrain is the shape of things to come in low-cost travel, troubles started to come Laker's way. Demand fell sharply on his major routes chiefly because of world recession, because fuel prices continued to rise and because interest rates surged in

the Western world. In the meantime, Sir Freddie found it increasingly difficult to honour his payments to aircraft manufacturers mainly because of a sharp fall in the value of the pound sterling from \$2.4 at the time of signing the contracts to around \$1.9 when payments were due.

As Laker's desperate attempts to reschedule his soaring debts ended in failure, he announced ten days ago that his airline had gone bust.

It is believed that air transport economists and financial experts will soon start to analyse the Laker bold venture. Their analysis will inevitably focus on identifying the factors responsible for the airline's tragic collapse.

However, one is tempted to believe that Sir Freddie's idealistic views of the air transport industry was to some extent responsible for his bankruptcy. He has always believed that competitive co-operations should prevail in the international airline industry. Under such co-operations, the "most efficient" operator would be able to capture a significant traffic share because of his ability to offer reduced fares. The "less efficient" operators would eventually be forced to withdraw their services from certain routes or improve their operating conditions in order to be able to compete successfully with the efficient airline.

This, of course, is not the case

in an industry which has surrendered most of its economies to politicians.

Most scheduled airlines, which are subsidised either directly or indirectly by their respective governments, prefer to incur losses than to withdraw from a market which has special social and political significance.

In fact, the scheduled airlines have reacted promptly to Skytrain service by offering reduced fares such as Standby Fares, Thrift Fares, Budget Fares, Eleventh Hour Fares and Bottom Dollar Fares. Consequently, the North-Atlantic routes suddenly turned into a battlefield for a vigorous fare-cutting war which resulted in tremendous losses for scheduled airlines totalling about \$600 million in 1981. While losses incurred by scheduled carriers were partly compensated by profits achieved on their monopolistic and oligopolistic routes which are highly remunerative, Laker lost his small profit margin and was left on his own like a defenceless lame duck.

The other important factor which may have contributed to Laker's collapse stems from the fact that he started to think big far too soon. Following his success on the London-New York routes, he launched a new service to Los Angeles and filed a request with European aviation authorities to get the necessary

permissions to operate over 600 intra-European routes. His ultimate objective was to operate around-the-world Skytrain services. When his request for the massive intra-European operation was turned down, he decided to turn back to the U.S. market. He added Miami and San Francisco to his route map and rapidly enlarged his fleet.

The rapid expansion of Skytrain service deprived Sir Freddie from some cost advantages and inevitably increased his overheads. In the meantime, his complete reliance on a specialised segment of the market, made him vulnerable to seasonal traffic fluctuations. Despite all his efforts to broaden the appeal of his service, Sir Freddie was unable to attract business travellers who are keen on punctuality, advanced booking and proper in-flight service.

The collapse of Skytrain service has, undoubtedly, left a gap in the international airline industry. I have no doubt that the industry will soon find the means to meet air travellers demand for cheap travel whether by intensifying the operation of low-fare charters or by introducing more of the multi-product scheduled services.

What remains to be seen is the industry's ability to meet the travellers' demand and achieve in the meantime a satisfactory level of profits.

Charter

77

lives on

By Colin McIntyre

VIENNA (R) — The Czechoslovak "Charter 77" human rights movement, still alive though hardly thriving, has just celebrated its fifth anniversary.

Set up in January 1977 with 242 signatories who called for a dialogue with the government over human rights and urged the authorities to abide by their own laws, the charter has established itself as a factor in Czechoslovak society, though opinion on its significance varies.

However, hopes that it would develop into a mass movement have faded. While it could boast a total of 800 signatories just six months after its creation, the charter has managed to add only 400 more.

Last September a charter offshoot, the Committee for the Defence of the Unjustly Persecuted (VONS), said in a statement regarding Vienna that repression by the Prague authorities, clearly worried by events in Poland, had become so severe that it might be forced to cease its activities.

Several leading members of VONS, which publicised examples of alleged government abuse of power and violations of civil rights, are either in prison or subject to criminal proceedings, and eight others have been forced to emigrate.

The crackdown on this group, created a year after the charter proper, followed the detention and expulsion last spring of two French citizens accused of trying to smuggle in emigre literature and money for dissidents.

But while the charter may have been tamed, it has not been silenced.

It marked its fifth birthday last month by declaring that it was now one of the realities of contemporary life, and announcing the latest in a long line of spokesmen, some of them once prominent figures in political and cultural life.

One of the best-known, former foreign minister Jiri Hajek, wrote to the public prosecutor last November rejecting charges of subversion against him as based on false evidence.

Last month the charter issued statements condemning martial law in Poland and declaring its support for the day of Solidarity with the Polish people organised in several countries on Jan. 31.

The movement was founded as the "Charter 77 Civil Initiative" in January, 1977, two months after Czechoslovakia ratified and published international human rights conventions signed 10 years earlier.

The reaction of the government was swift and almost frantic. Signatories were pilloried as "political shipwrecks", many were subjected to police interrogation and some were arrested.

An "anti-charter" signature campaign was quickly organised, and there was a joke that the millionth signature would get a special prize — a look at the charter.

In October, 1979, the government moved against the charter and VONS with a vengeance, putting six activists, including internationally-known playwright Vaclav Havel, on trial and sending them to prison for long terms.

The nucleus of the original signatories were former members of the Communist Party who lost their positions in the "normalisation" process which followed the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

But the movement also attracted a wide assortment of other individuals and groups disenchanted with the system, ranging from radical Trotskyites to religious believers.

Activists do not consider themselves dissidents, as they regard themselves as acting under rights granted by the Czechoslovak constitution.

The broad spectrum of interests in the movement has been both its weakness, making consensus on charter documents difficult, and its strength, since it can hardly be accused of being an organised political opposition.

During the past year or so a debate has been going on in the movement between those prepared to sacrifice their livelihoods, and those arguing for a lower profile and broader base.

Charter signatories can expect to lose their jobs, forcing them into casual work, and their children are normally barred from going to university.

Whatever they decide, the dissidents appear determined to soldier on. In its fifth anniversary statement, the charter said the fact that it had existed for five years proved that the problems it was set up to tackle were still around.

IRA may be an issue in Eire elections

Reuters

DUBLIN — Hardline supporters of the guerrilla struggle to end British rule in Northern Ireland will soon put their views to their first major electoral test in the Irish Republic.

Provisional Sinn Fein, political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), will field seven candidates in a general election set for Feb. 18.

The election follows the defeat of Garret Fitzgerald's seven-month-old minority coalition government.

The smaller Marxist Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP), which also backs the fight to re-unify British-ruled Northern Ireland with the republic, will put up six candidates.

The decision of both groups to contest the election was encouraged by limited initial success in the previous poll last June, when two republican prisoners in Northern Ireland won seats in the Irish parliament.

The two jail inmates were elected in a groundswell of public sympathy for 10 IRA prisoners fasting to death in hunger strikes demanding status as political prisoners.

However the atmosphere now is much less emotional as tension has

eased and the status of prisoners is no longer an issue.

Last time the candidates ran on a common ticket to draw attention to the plight of the hunger strikers. This time, with two exceptions, they will not be behind bars and will be running with different party labels.

The exceptions are Seamus McElwain, who is awaiting trial in Belfast on charges of murdering a part-time soldier, and Joe O'Connell, who is serving 30 years in an English prison for his part in bomb attacks against the British army in England.

Hardline republicans want to smash an unwritten agreement among the main parties to exclude the Northern Ireland question from the election and thereby prove there is support for the guerrilla campaign.

Political observers say they are unlikely to win more than two or three seats but add that they will gain publicity and could find themselves holding the balance of power.

To the outgoing parliament, a move by three independent deputies was enough to tip the balance against Mr. Fitzgerald's minority coalition and opinion polls show this month's vote could produce another very close result.

The republicans have judged their campaign for maximum imp-

act, venturing into areas where they feel republican tendencies are strongest and the seats marginal. Most of the target constituencies border Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein says it will not bail any election victories as an endorsement of IRA violence.

But President Ruairi O'Briain nevertheless makes clear: Sinn Fein supports the right of the people to engage in armed struggle for their national liberation.

Sinn Fein officials say if any of their candidates are elected they will not take their seats in parliament.

But one ardent republican who will claim a seat if elected is Bernadette McAliskey, who is standing in Dublin as an independent.

A decade ago, as Bernadette Devlin, she captured world attention by leading a Catholic civil rights campaign in Northern Ireland and won a seat in the British parliament from 1971-74.

Her campaign for a seat in the British parliament marks her return to active politics after surviving an assassination attempt by Protestant gunmen last year.

Like Sinn Fein and the IRSP, her campaign attacks the Northern Ireland policies of past Dublin governments.

The main parties, Dr. Fitz-

Gerald's Fine Gael, its Labour coalition partners and the opposition Fianna Fail, are concentrating on the economic problems which toppled the outgoing government.

As in past elections, they are becoming clear of the Northern Ireland question, partly because they fear a divisive controversy in the republic could heighten tension in the north, where violence has claimed more than 2,000 lives in 13 years.

Opinion polls have shown that only a small minority of the Irish Republic's 2.2 million voters choose their candidate on the basis of his views on Northern Ireland. The vast majority are more concerned with economic questions.

Sinn Fein's leader, former Prime Minister Charles Haughey, caught the general mood when he said: "I would like to see all the parties stating their view on Northern Ireland and leaving it at that."

Nevertheless, the republican campaign drags the theory problem into the election and could highlight the differences between the policies of Dr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Haughey.

They share the old nationalist dream of a united, independent Ireland and they reject violence. But beyond that, their opinions

diverge.

Dr. Fitzgerald argues that the predominantly-Catholic republic should reform its laws and constitution to win the confidence and trust of the northern Protestant majority.

Mr. Haughey rejects this as a vain hope, saying the protestants will never consider Irish unity while their links with Britain are assured by successive governments in London.</

ECONOMY

Mubarak seeks economic reform

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak said Saturday that if Egypt's population continued to grow at its present high rate it could wreck the country's chances for economic recovery.

Mr. Mubarak, addressing a conference of experts convened to find a solution to Egypt's economic ills, urged that priority be given to the problems posed by a 1.3 million annual population growth rate.

"The present rate of population increase obstructs economic development and shatters our hopes for securing a prosperous life for every Egyptian," he said.

Mr. Mubarak said Egypt's population, estimated last month at 44 million, would reach 70 million by the year 2000 and double in the following 25 years.

This would cripple any effort to provide sufficient food, employment, health, education and other services for all Egyptians, the 53-year-old leader added.

Mr. Mubarak, who assumed power after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last October, has given top priority to working out a new five-year economic strategy aimed at boosting production and cutting back on Egypt's big import bill.

Strike hits B.A. flights

LONDON (R) — British Airways long-distance services from London's Heathrow Airport came to a halt Saturday as union officials argued over a proposed formula to end a five-day strike by the airline's 2,000 ground staff.

Representatives of the state-owned airways and officials of Britain's biggest union, the Transport and General Workers, reached an agreement last night to end the strike over rostering, a B.A. spokesman said.

But Ken Gallacher, an official of another union representing ground staff, said: "We believe this could well be a ploy by the management."

All British Airways intercontinental services, including those of the supersonic Concorde airliner, were suspended while the unions debated whether to accept the formula.

There were fears the strike could spread to other airlines if tanker drivers and aircraft maintenance men refused to cross picket lines.

UNCTAD calls for urgent action on international commodity pacts

GENEVA (R) — A United Nations committee has agreed that urgent action is needed to assist developing countries counter a massive shortfall from commodities earnings.

The 100-member committee of the U.N. Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), ending two weeks of talks on the subject Friday night, called on governments to negotiate further effective international commodity agreements.

It also asked member countries to speed up ratification of the U.N. agreement setting up a common fund aimed at financing buffer stocks to stabilise world prices for raw materials.

The three-day conference of 30 politicians and economic experts is likely to set the trends for the country's economy to the post-Sadat era. Its recommendations will be debated by the People's Assembly (parliament) before the government financial programme is drawn up for the 1982-1983 budget.

After he was elected president, Mr. Mubarak pledged to maintain the "open door" policy, but to cut out what Egyptians see as abuses of the system.

Mr. Mubarak underlined the importance of economic prosperity as a fundamental factor for political stability.

He urged the conference to tackle Egypt's chronic housing problem saying the present rate of population increase required the building of 15 million housing units in the next 25 years.

Mr. Mubarak said Egyptians were ready to make sacrifices to help set the economy back on course.

"Our people are ready to show

reach of ordinary Egyptians. Many experts said too many luxury imports had harmed the economy and wasted large sums of foreign currency which could have been used to import machinery, spare parts and other equipment needed to increase production.

President Mubarak made no reference to government efforts to expand an ambitious family planning programme launched more than 10 years ago to curb the population explosion.

Under the programme, first initiated by the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser, thousands of family planning centres were established throughout the country to provide free contraceptives and marriage advice.

The campaign was intensified recently with the establishment of more centres and radio and television programmes extolling the benefits of having a small family.

Muslim and Christian religious leaders in Egypt have tended to oppose family planning on religious grounds but millions of Egyptians, particularly the young, have responded to the campaign.

Cotton producers eager to stabilise prices

By Guy Dimmore

Reuter

LONDON — Third World cotton producers, including many of the world's poorest countries, are stepping up pressure for an international agreement to stabilise prices, which fell by one-third last year.

The producers, who are meeting in Geneva on the international agreement, are reviewing progress on setting up their own association, may decide on unilateral action to keep prices steady if no progress is made towards an international cotton agreement with consumer countries, according to UNCTAD sources in Geneva.

UNCTAD — the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development — has been trying to find a compromise formula since

talks in Geneva on the international agreement broke up last May.

Talks on ending the deadlocked meeting will resume in late March.

Cotton is vital to the economies of many of the Third World producers who were badly hit last year when prices fell from about 95 cents a pound (\$2.09 a kilo) to around 64 cents (\$1.41 a kilo) because of a record harvest and slack demand.

One of the earliest fibres known

to man, cotton is grown in 17 of the world's 30 poorest countries but a handful of trading companies based in the United States, Britain, Japan and Switzerland dominate the market.

A U.N. study last year said that the firms control 85 to 90 per cent of the cotton bought and sold on world markets and that collusive trading practice were fairly common.

By world standards Sudan, Yemen, Egypt, Mali and Benin, the Central African Republic, Upper Volta and Nicaragua are small producers but they all rely on cotton for more than 25 per cent of their export earnings. For Chad, cotton accounts for more than 70 per cent of exports.

All would benefit from stable prices but so far they have received no practical backing from the world's two leading producers — the United States and the Soviet Union.

The two super-growers between them will account for more than a third of a record world harvest of about 71 million bales of 218 kilogrammes in the year starting last August.

The United States, with its traditional leaning towards free trade, prefers to let market forces dominate.

The attitude of the Soviet Union is less clear. Industry sources say the Soviets have given vocal support to the so-called Izmir group of 18 developing nations which are trying to set up a producers' association, but they have been no tangible signs that they are eager to promote the cause.

The immediate outlook for cotton does not look good, industry analysts say. Despite the lower prices brought about by the record harvest, world recession has stopped demand rising.

This season's bumper crop will exceed world demand of 66.5 million bales, pushing up cotton held in stocks to 26.8 million bales, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) predicted in a recent report.

USDA analyst Russell Barlowe said 1982 exports from the United States will be affected by cuts in purchases by China, a major importer, as part of its economic retrenchment programme.

China is barely buying at all this year, according to John Garner, an expert in Liverpool, the site of Britain's cotton exchange.

The USDA also predicts that a shift away from denims and corduroys to dressier lightweight fabrics in fashion-conscious Western

Europe and Japan will result in an overall drop in demand for cotton.

One bright spot is that consumption is rising along with population growth in India, China, the Soviet Union and Brazil.

Even though cotton in the U.S. can now undercut man-made polyester by 10 cents a pound (\$2.2 cents a kilo), necessary changes in machinery and dyeing processes mean the textile industry is slow to adapt.

John Santley, executive director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee based in Washington, said an upturn in the U.S. textile industry leading to an improvement for cotton is not expected until the latter half of 1982 at the earliest.

Meanwhile, Third World countries, for whom processing cotton into cloth is a major industry, face the problem of Western protectionism in textiles.

"Recession is the main force pushing industrialised countries to further protectionist measures," according to Steve Schifters of the World Development Movement, a Third World pressure-group based in London.

Mr. Schifters describes cotton as "a curious commodity." Large amounts of cloth are shipped to such countries as Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan where cheap labour makes it a low-cost item to sell back to the industrialised world, threatening the textile industries there.

In 1962, the first formal restrictions were imposed on cotton textiles and clothing imports from developing countries and in 1974 the first Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) extended import quotas to man-made fibres.

The West European clothing and textile industry has been shedding jobs at a rate of 100,000 a year since 1977 and U.S. textile mills have seen rising unemployment over the last year.

In recent negotiations on extending the MFA, European countries such as Britain and Italy, whose industries have suffered most in recent years, argued strongly for curbs on textile imports from developing countries.

The end result for the new agreement which came into force on January 1 was an uneasy compromise which failed to satisfy European demands for protection and the developing countries' desire to expand.

The outcome could generally depress the textile industry, making the future bleaker for cotton-producing countries, industry analysts say.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Inflation down in OECD countries

PARIS (R) — Inflation continued its downward trend in December for the 24 countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the organisation said Friday.

Consumer prices in the OECD area, which covers most Western nations and Japan, rose 9.9 per cent in the 12 months to December. This compared with a 10.1 per cent rise in the 12 months to November and 12.1 per cent in the 12 months to December, 1980.

"The favourable December performance reflected continuing moderation in food and energy prices at the retail level," the OECD said.

Japan had the lowest inflation of the OECD area with a rate of 4.3 per cent in the 12 months to December, although the increase was higher than the 3.6 per cent recorded in November.

Iceland remained top of the OECD inflation league with a 47.4 per cent increase, followed by Turkey with a rise of 32.2 per cent.

JAL expands Middle East functions

KUWAIT (Agencies) — To keep up with an increase in traffic between Japan and the Middle East, the Middle East regional office of Japan Airlines (JAL) has announced the expansion of its functions and an increased capacity to provide information and assistance to Japanese or other travellers visiting the Middle East. The regional office staff here is being enlarged to include assistant vice presidents for passenger marketing, cargo marketing, administration services and Middle East group movement to serve JAL offices and independent travel agents throughout the region. Mr. Sawa, JAL vice president for the Middle East region, added in a statement to the press that JAL will also provide information and assistance to travellers from the Middle East going to Japan.

Morocco, Oman to boost economic ties

RABAT (R) — Morocco and Oman will step up economic cooperation, according to a joint communiqué issued here Friday after a four-day visit by Mohamed Zoubair, Omani minister of commerce and industry.

The communiqué said that during his stay Mr. Zoubair conferred with King Hassan and had talks with Morocco's minister of commerce, industry and tourism, Azzeddine Guessous.

At the talks the two countries agreed to diversify trade and promote investment in their countries.

Accords on trade and technical and economic cooperation were signed during Mr. Zoubair's visit and Mr. Guessous accepted an invitation to visit Oman at a date to be fixed later.

Moscow buys more U.S. grain

WASHINGTON (R) — The Soviet Union has made another large purchase of U.S. grain, the second this week, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

It said private grain exporting companies had notified the government of the sale totalling 350,000 tonnes of maize worth an estimated \$41 million at current market prices.

The department on Wednesday reported a sale of 150,000 tonnes of maize, the first purchase of U.S. grain by Moscow since relations deteriorated in mid-December over the military crackdown in Poland.

Soon after martial law was imposed in Poland on December 13, President Reagan suspended food aid to the Warsaw government and later halted talks on a long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union.

But Mr. Reagan has allowed grain trade with Moscow to continue despite warnings of a possible trade embargo.

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Cauliflowers (local)	250	300
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SPORTS

Beware of Poland, Bearzot cautions

ROME (R) — Italian soccer manager Enzo Bearzot won't be reading too much into Poland's ignominious 2-1 defeat by Italian third division club Modena on Thursday.

The cautious Bearzot, whose team play Poland in the opening Group One match of the World Soccer Cup finals on June 14, commented: "Just remember this is the same Poland that outclassed Argentina in Buenos Aires three or four months ago. We had better not believe any illusions, believe me."

With the knowledgeable Bearzot in this frame of mind, the Polish debacle should not rouse too much hope in Peru and Cameroon, whose teams will also compete in Group One.

The Poles showed in the unexpected defeat by Modena that they badly needed match practice to rebuild morale and sharpen their skills.

Team manager Antoni Piechniczek, while offering no excuses, at least suggested a reason for the debacle.

"We played badly. But our championship ended on November 28, since then these players have hardly touched a ball," he said.

Piechniczek might have added that since Poles have had a lot to think about beyond soccer.

The three-game Italian tour is the squad's first trip outside Poland and since last December.

"Politics and football are two separate things," a team spokesman said earlier this week. "The fact that this is their first trip away since martial law is not relevant."

Podborski extends his ski lead

GARMISCH, West Germany (R) — Steve Podborski of Canada won the last World Cup downhill event of the European season here Saturday to extend his lead in the overall standings.

Podborski, who won here last year, clocked one minute 50.52 seconds to beat the silver and gold medalists of last week's World Championships in Schladming, Austria, into second and third places.

Conradin Cathomen of Switzerland finished second in 1:50.81 and Harti Weirather, the newly-crowned Austrian world champion, was third in 1:50.94.

Weirather, starting third Saturday, looked likely to repeat his Schladming victory as he set the pace on the 3,320-metre Piste with its 920-metre drop.

But Podborski, a distant ninth in Schladming, drew on all his power to outspeed the Austrian whose time as later also bettered by Cathomen.

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Mary Decker breaking the women's mile record

Mary Decker lowers mile record

NEW YORK (R) — American Mary Decker lowered her own world indoor best time for the women's mile by more than three seconds and Americans Candy Young and Stephanie Hightower shared a world record while running a dead-heat in the women's 60 yard hurdles at the Millrose Games here Friday night.

A capacity Madison Square Garden crowd of 18,293 saw Decker run one of the greatest races of her career, leaving the rest of the field far back as she hit the tape in four minutes 21.47 seconds. That broke the mark of 4:24.60 she set in Los Angeles three weeks ago.

Young and Hightower were both clocked in 7.38 seconds, with the photo-finish camera failing to separate them.

The previous record of 7.47 seconds was also held by both Hightower and Young. Hightower set it at the Millrose Games in 1980 and Young equalled it two weeks ago in Dallas, Texas.

Mottram upsets Teltscher

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (R) — Buster Mottram of Britain described his performance as nearly perfect after beating second-seeded American Eliot Teltscher 6-3, 6-1 Friday in the quarter finals of the \$235,000 U.S. Indoor tennis championships.

Mottram, ranked 61st in the world, will face either Johan Kriek of South Africa or American Vitas Gerulaitis in the semifinals.

"Everything has fallen together beautifully this week," Mottram said. "I couldn't hit the ball any better."

"He went for a quick K.O.," Mottram said. "It could be a clever play if you're far behind."

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Play gets bunched up at Victorian Open

MELBOURNE (A.P.) — Any one of seven players—and perhaps even nine—could be standing on the winners' dais at Metropolitan here late Sunday to receive the \$18,000 winners cheque for the Victorian Golf Open.

This was the position after a day of sensational golf on Saturday when the lead alternated between four players in dramatic fashion and still remains undecided.

American celebrity player Lee Trevino (73) and local idol Bob Shearer (71) will hit off for the final round as joint leaders, five under the card on 211.

Trevino's earlier rounds were 70, 68 and Shearer 69, 71.

While Trevino and Shearer just have the edge on the others it could be left to a player like blonde Queenslander Greg Norman to cut loose over the final 18 holes and rip out every-one.

Trevino, Canadian Jerry Anderson, young Melbourne pro-

fessional Michael Clayton and title holder Bill Dunk all held pride of place at the head of the field at some stage.

But in the final wrap-up it was Dunk who was the big loser on the day and he needs almost a super human effort Sunday to go anywhere near salvaging his title.

At one stage Dunk was eight under the card but by the time he walked off the final hole he was well down the list.

In contrast Bob Shearer had five birdies on Saturday to make a total of 11 in the last two rounds.

He overcame a number of difficulties including being in the trees at the seventh for a double bogey.

"I got my double bogey over early," he quipped later referring to that hole.

However he was non-committal about what he thought he could shoot in the final 18 but simply said "I'll break 80".

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦Q9 ♦AQ ♦AKQ1093 ♦J982

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South

1 ♠ Pass Pass ?

What do you bid oow?

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦9843 ♦6 ♦53 ♦QJ9855

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South

3 ♠ Dble ?

What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦9 ♦AQ87 ♦K9 ♦AK1082

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

Look for answers on Tuesday.

Liverpool crashes in F.A. Cup 5th round

LONDON (R) — The English Football Association (F.A.) Cup has a history of providing shock results. But Saturday's stunning defeats of Liverpool and Ipswich by second division opponents stands comparison with anything in the past 101 years of the competition.

European Champions Liverpool, unbeaten away from home since September, crashed 2-0 at Chelsea while Ipswich suffered a humiliating 2-1 defeat at Shrewsbury, currently languishing in 17th place in Division Two.

Liverpool, so dominant in recent weeks, were always struggling after falling behind to an eighth minute goal from Chelsea winger Peter Rhodes-Brown. Their misery was complete when Colin Lee added the second six minutes from time.

Ipswich, who have been faltering form this season due to a cruel run of injuries, were stunned by early goals from Steve Cross and Jake King in the 14th and 23rd minutes. South African Mick D'Avry pulled one back near the end but it came too late to save Ipswich from a depressing journey home.

Only three first division sides survived to reach the last eight. They were holders Tottenham, who beat Aston Villa 1-0, West Bromwich, 1-0 winners over Norwich, and Coventry who cruised third division Oxford 4-0.

In contrast, five second division clubs will go into Monday's sixth round draw.

Shrewsbury and Chelsea will be joined by Leicester, Queen's Park Rangers and either Crystal Palace or Orient, who drew 0-0.

Leicester, conquerors of first division leaders Southampton in the last round, but paid to the hopes of fellow-second division giant-killers Watford with a 2-0 victory. Watford had previously beaten Manchester United and West Ham.

Liverpool, harbouring ambitions of a unique haul of the major honours—League, F.A. League and European

United who won 1-0 at Wolverhampton with a goal from one million sterling striker Garry Birrell.

The other Manchester club, City, jumped above Liverpool in third place with an impressive 4-0 home win over Brighton.

City scored through Trevor Francis, Kevin Reeves, Bobby McDonald and an own goal by Brighton fullback Gary Stevens.

Arsenal continue to find goals hard to come by but they kept in touch with the leaders with a 1-0 win over visiting Notts County.

Teenager Rappael Meade broke the deadlock in the 86th minute, Arsenal's 21st goal in 23 League matches.

Dundee United and Hibernian, fourth and fifth in the League, were equally well matched in a thrilling cup tie.

United led 1-0 at the interval through John Holt but the visitors fought back to force a replay when Gordon Rae equalised late on.

Americans take top two spots in downhill skiing

AROSA, Switzerland (A.P.) — Holly Flanders became the woman to beat on the World Cup downhill circuit, as she raced to a win Saturday, edging fellow American Cindy Nelson in what their head coach said was an unprecedented one-two U.S. finish.

The win moved Flanders, 24, into top spot in the World Cup downhill rankings. With 84 points, she is five points ahead of second-ranked Marie Cecile Gros-Gaudenier, who placed fifth in Saturday's race.

Taking advantage of near-perfect conditions on a crisp, sunny day, Flanders, who started fourth took the 2,450-metre course in 1:36.52. Nelson, the number-10 starter was clocked in 1:36.80.

Flanders, jubilant after her second World Cup victory this season said she "was up for this race," adding: "I wanted to show I can still ski well."

"Fantastic," commented the head U.S. women's coach, Michel Rudigou, adding he believed the one-two finish by two Americans was a first in women's downhill World Cup skiing.

Switzerland's Maria Waliser, 18, was third with a time of 1:36.94.

Canada's Gerry Sorensen, who won the alpine skiing championships Feb. 4, at Haus, Austria, finished a disappointing eighth, but remained in contention for the World Cup downhill leadership at third place, 10 points behind Flanders.

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WORLD

Pope addresses Nigerian Christians

John Paul condemns polygamy, divorce, contraception, abortion

LAGOS (R) — Pope John Paul, in an address to Nigerian Christians, Saturday spoke out against polygamy and called divorce, contraception and abortion the modern enemies of the family.

Speaking to hundreds of thousands of people at an open-air mass at Onitsha in eastern Nigeria, the 61-year-old pontiff said Nigerian families "have so many positive and praiseworthy values, based on your family traditions.

"You have strong family ties. Children are regarded as a blessing... the extended family system provides a loving environment for the care of orphans, the old and the poor."

But the Pope added:

"There are however some shad-ows. Traditionally your culture did not exclude polygamy, even though most marriages were and

are monogamous... and the modern enemies of the family, the disturbing degradation of some fundamental values—divorce, contraception and abortion have not spared your country."

Six million out of Nigeria's 80 million people are Roman Catholics.

The Pope said that the fundamental form of life and love within the family lay in respect for each individual. "If you love your country, then love your family life."

After his address he baptised and confirmed people from all over the 31 dioceses of Nigeria.

Two Nigerian newspapers Friday said second wives should be allowed to receive religious sacraments. There were more women

than men in Nigeria, it argued, and "many young Catholic girls have turned pagan because they have no Catholic boys to marry them."

The Daily Times said second marriage was only a crime when the first wife disapproved.

The Pope was on the first full day of a four-nation African tour, his first foreign trip since surviving an assassination attempt last May.

Dr. Aggett was found hanged in his cell last week, the first white to die while being held under the security laws, and his death has aroused a flood of national and international protest.

The Pope will fly on Sunday to Kaduna State in mainly Muslim northern Nigeria where in addition to ordaining some 80 priests he will meet Islamic community leaders.

Kaduna was the scene of disturbances among militant members of Nigeria's 30-million-strong Muslim community in 1979.

S. African blacks strong white leader's funeral

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Mourners Saturday turned the funeral of white trade unionist Neil Aggett into a demonstration against South Africa's stringent anti-terrorism laws under which security Police, in whose custody he died, had detained him.

About 2,000 people, mainly blacks, packed Saint Mary's Cathedral in Central Johannesburg, and hundreds more stood in the courtyard and surrounding streets.

Dr. Aggett was found hanged in his cell last week, the first white to die while being held under the security laws, and his death has aroused a flood of national and international protest.

The results of a post mortem have not yet been released.

Mourners carried posters saying: "Neil Aggett lived for his country—died in detention."

Dr. Aggett, a qualified physician, was the Transvaal provincial secretary of the Food and Canning Workers Union, most of whose members are blacks.

Kremlin blasts Italian Communists

MOSCOW (R) — The Kremlin Saturday fiercely condemned the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and restated the Soviet Union's claim to supreme leadership in the world communist movement.

In its second attack on the Italian Communist Party in three weeks, the Soviet party newspaper Pravda accused it of flouting the principles of socialism and giving moral support to Moscow's enemies, especially in Poland.

"In this extremely responsible situation, which serves as an acid test of readiness to show true internationalism, the PCI has applied

"ideological sanctions" against (Polish Communists), regrettably on a level with the economic, political and propagandist sanctions brought by America and other NATO countries," Pravda said.

Pravda said Soviet Communists had tried again and again to discuss disagreements over Soviet domestic and foreign policy. But it did not identify such crucial disputes as Moscow's armed interventions in Czechoslovakia in 1968 and Afghanistan in 1979, as well as its human rights record.

"However, on the part of the PCI leadership and its press we

have encountered again and again attacks against our party, statements and actions prejudicial to the cause of peace and socialism," it added.

Pravda echoed the charges in its first attack on the Italian Communists, published on Jan. 24, that PCI leaders were, by their conduct with the Soviet Party, harming peace and detente.

The Italian Communist Party's response, published in its daily *l'Unita*, was to defend its sympathies for the suspended Polish free trade union Solidarity.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Mubarak to visit Oman February 16

CAIRO (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak will visit Oman Feb. 16 in his first trip to an Arab state since succeeding the late President Anwar Sadat, the presidency announced Saturday. The visit is viewed as the first concrete step by Mr. Mubarak to end Egypt's isolation in the Arab World brought about by Mr. Sadat's peace initiative with Israel. Mr. Sadat visited Egypt's neighbor Sudan last March in the first step in this direction. The presidency announcement, quoted by Cairo Radio, did not specify the length of Mr. Mubarak's visit and

Mr. Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

The communiqué did not clearly what kind of associations would be able to discuss the constitutional issues publicly.

A general ban was slapped last June on all political debate regarding the past, present and future of Turkey. It will remain in effect, with the exception of this limited discussion on the constitution, the communiqué said.

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Turkish generals permit restricted political debate on new constitution

ANKARA (A.P.) — Turkey's ruling generals, relaxing curbs on public political debate, have granted most former politicians the right to express their views on a new constitution to be drafted by a 160-member consultative assembly.

But a communiqué issued Friday by the national security council withheld the right to speak on the constitution from leaders and the executive committee members of the disbanded political parties. As a result, two former prime ministers, Social Democrat Bülent

Ecevit and conservative Suleyman Demirel, and their closest party associates, would have to keep silent on the nature of the new constitution.

The council, which comprises head of state Gen. Kenan Evren and four top generals, announced that other former politicians would be able to air their views on the new constitution when invited to do so by the consultative assembly and without reference to their former party affiliates.

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Portugal claims 'subversive plot' foiled

LISBON (R) — Portugal's right-wing government said Saturday it had foiled a plot to subvert the country's democratic institutions in connection with Friday's Communist-organised general strike.

Security forces found "concrete plans to subvert democratic institutions" when arresting a small group of armed men in Lisbon Friday night, according to a statement issued after a cabinet meeting that lasted until early Thursday.

The statement said police had seized recorded proclamations to the nation that were ready for broadcasting when a car packed with grenades, explosive materials, submachine-guns and radio equipment was discovered in the centre of Lisbon. Three members of the group were arrested, but five others escaped.

Portuguese workers today foiled an abortive Communist strike attempt and the government, with the help of the security forces, neutralised a terrorist attempt to subvert the structures of the democratic state," the cabinet statement said.

The government said it had detected systematic

jamming of official communications networks around the time the arrests were carried out.

The police also found in the car details of "coordinated actions to be carried out in and around Lisbon," it added, but gave no further details.

The cabinet statement said trouble had been expected in case the general strike, called by Portugal's largest labour confederation, the Communist-dominated CGTP-Intersindical, failed, as the government had predicted it would.

Friday's stoppages, billed as the country's first-ever general strike, had little impact on everyday life with government departments, essential services, shops and offices working normally. Most factories, however, were closed.

At the beginning of 1980, a previous right-wing government accused a number of left-wing officers of discussing the possibility of a coup.

Saturday, cabinet statement, however, is the nearest any government has come to denouncing a revolutionary threat to the regime since Portugal became a parliamentary democracy in 1976.

Soviets hope to bring proof of life on Mars

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union is planning to send unmanned space laboratories to Mars in the hope of bringing back evidence of life on the planet's surface, a senior Soviet space researcher said in an interview published yesterday.

Yuri Zaitsev, head of the Academy of Science's Institute of Space Research, said long-term plans to examine the surface of Mars and bring back rock samples to Earth were under consideration.

He did not indicate how advanced the scheme was but said it would be very expensive and difficult to achieve without some form of international cooperation.

He told the newspaper moskovskaya Pravda that Soviet scientists had sustained some forms of life in atmospheric conditions closely simulating those on Mars, the Earth's closest neighbour after Venus.

Rats had survived only a few seconds, turtles more than six hours, frogs 25 hours and some insects for several weeks. But mushrooms, lichen and mosses adapted well and bacteria had no difficulties living in the "Martian" atmosphere, he said.

Paris orders 2 attack submarines to guard Arabian Gulf oil route

PARIS (R) — France has ordered two attack submarines to join its Indian Ocean fleet guarding the oil route from the Gulf to Aden, the navy said Friday. The 1,043-tonne Daphne class submarine Venus is sailing from Brest, the Atlantic naval base, and the 1,725-tonne Agosta will leave from the Mediterranean base at Toulon. The two submarines are due to go through the Suez Canal on March 1. France has a large permanent military and naval presence in Djibouti and in the Indian Ocean. The French fleet in the Indian Ocean is composed of 250 vessels, including four missile-firing warships, 10 frigates and destroyers, a tank-landing ship, a supply ship, an oil tanker and other support vessels, naval officials said.

E. German leaders receive Iranians

BERLIN (A.P.) — East German leaders met Saturday with visiting Iranian Deputy Premier Abdollah Ali Djazai to discuss expanding economic ties between the two countries, the East German news agency ADN said. The talk was the third in a week that Mr. Djazai had held with East bloc leaders amid speculation that France seeks rapprochement with the Soviet bloc. His previous talks were in Romania and Czechoslovakia, where Mr. Djazai raised the possibility of Iran resuming work on an Iranian-Soviet-Czechoslovak natural gas pipeline agreed in 1976 and halted by the Iranians in 1979.

Iranian students launch hunger strike in Rome

ROME (R) — A group of 80 Iranian students Saturday began an indefinite hunger strike to protest against a crackdown by Iran's clergy-dominated government on the left-wing Mujahideen and other opposition groups. The strike, using Rome premises of the Italian Party of Proletarian Unity, said they wanted to highlight the contrast between present Iranian government policy and the 1979 revolution which overthrew the Shah. A similar hunger strike was begun Friday by 26 Iranian students in Paris.

Dutch chopper lifts off 17 from sinking Greek vessel

FALMOUTH, England (R) — A Dutch navy helicopter Saturday lifted 17 men to safety from the sinking stern of a Greek tanker smashed in two in an Atlantic storm early Friday, coastguards said.

A search was still going on for 15 more crewmen from the 12,400-ton Victory, most of them feared drowned after their lifeboat capsized in violent seas.

The helicopter rescue began at first light, winching the men clear and shuttling them to the frigate van Speyk, the tossing 30-metre stump of the Victory settled lower and lower in the water.

A spokesman for coastguards coordinating the rescue from this southwest English port said one man was injured but the others were in fairly good condition after their 30-hour ordeal.

As soon as they were safe the four ships in the area, some 1300 kilometres southwest of England, joined two British Air Force planes.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Chinese university bans jeans, mini-skirts

PEKING (R) — A Shanghai university has banned students from wearing jeans, mini-skirts and low-cut shirts because such clothes are "unorthodox," the China Daily newspaper said Saturday. The ban, similar to directives issued at other Chinese campuses, also bars men with long hair and mustaches. Girls with long hair must wrap it or wear it in braids, the newspaper said. Concern is frequently voiced by the Chinese media about the dangers of Western influences on young people.

Salesman nabbed for raping 13-year-old

NEW YORK (A.P.) — A 22-year-old clothing salesman has been charged with raping a 13-year-old girl from Calcutta, after abducting her from in front of her junior high school, police said. Police said Paul Schroeder dragged the child into his van on Wednesday, raped and sodomised her and then threw her out onto the street. Mr. Schroeder was seized Friday by two police officers as he cruised the area in his van, police said.

Italian journalists stage news blackout

ROME (R) — A 24-hour strike by print and broadcast journalists Saturday deprived Italy of all news for the second time this month. A one-day stoppage which prevented the appearance of daily newspapers ended Saturday morning and then radio and television journalists promptly began their own 24-hour news blackout. The journalists are seeking to draw attention to their demands for better pay and conditions in negotiations with the employers for a new work contract. Print workers have also stopped work for two 24-hour periods so far this month, causing further hitches in the flow of information to a traditionally news-hungry country.

158 cars collide on Antwerp highway

ANTWERP, Belgium (A.P.) — At least five people were hospitalized with serious injuries after 158 cars collided on two fog-shrouded highways just east of Antwerp on Friday, police reported. A police spokesman said the E3 and E39 highways looked like "one large junk yard" after the mist had lifted. The fog has reduced visibility to less than 5 metres in some places, he added.

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